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MEDICAL MISSION INTERNATIONAL

MMI Helps Stop Blindness in 100,000 Children in Kenya

Vitamin A tablets are one of the most inexpensive and effective tools in our fight against preventable blindness in the third world.

MMI is making it possible for 100,000 at-risk children in Kenya to get the treatment they need to prevent blindness and other diseases that would destroy their sight. 1.4 million children around the world are blind, and this number is only increasing as an estimated 500,000 new cases of

childhood blindness are reported each year. Sadly, children in low-income countries are up to four times more likely to go blind than those in high-income countries. Almost 250,000 children have been blinded by vitamin A deficiency and a further 100 million are at risk. That is why MMI is doing everything we can to make sure that no child grows up without access to the medicines and vitamins they need to thrive. We have provided more than 100,000 children with sight-saving



vitamin A this year alone. We will continue our outreach until no child suffers from this terrible disability.



MMI Special Surgical Missions Bring Hope in Angola

MMI recently sent a team of special doctors to the capital city of Menongue to perform cataract surgeries and other emergency procedures for 1,400 people in 7 days. Angola is a nation in crisis with crumbling infrastructure and barely 8 doctors for every 100,000 people. The MMI team overcame considerable obstacles to bring medical care to as many people as possible

during the trip. MMI is working with doctors and hospitals in Angola to increase the number of emergency medical teams we send there and to help establish permanent care facilities in the region. The people of Angola have suffered so much through years of war and the post-war conflict and rebuilding. Bringing much-needed relief into their lives is a wonderful way to fulfill MMI's mission of health, healing and hope for the world.

SAVING LIVES

Your ongoing support allows us to save lives in some of the poorest most desperate countries in the world. These are just a few of the places where children are being saved because you care.

Sudan



MMI operates a widespread nourishment and food security programme for children and their families living in conflict-stricken regions in and around Darfur.

Uganda



MMI's "Reach Out" programme offers community-based medical attention and social support for thousands of children and families living with infectious diseases.

Philippines



MMI rescues homeless children and helps them reintegrate with their family members or find foster families to protect them from exploitation, street violence, and sexual abuse.

New MMI Clinic Opens in Kenya

MMI is making it possible for new medical facilities to be opened up in Kenya and other areas throughout Africa because of the kind support of donors like you! One such facility has just been opened in Nairobi to serve the children and families who are helped through the MMI feeding centres and children's homes. Soon we will be able to open the clinic to the public to help even more suffering children and their families. Read this letter of thanks from one of the clinic operators:

"Words cannot express how grateful we are to MMI for funding the clinic construction, equipment and set up and now the monthly support, which is enabling us to employ a very capable Kenyan-trained physician. We have seen in just these short weeks of operation that this is an invaluable service to our children in the children's home and it will be such a benefit to the greater community as well."

Remember MMI in your Will! Your gift will continue to make a difference in the lives of children for years to come. Be a lasting part of this legacy of health, healing, and hope.



Emergency Medicine in Zimbabwe

MMI recently sent a large shipment of tetracycline ointment to prevent blindness and other much-needed medical and surgical supplies to Zimbabwe where a major cholera outbreak has taken scores of lives and threatens many more. Dr. Wazara who runs a hospital there reiterated the fact that these medical shipments are so desperately needed and much appreciated. The hospitals in Harare have bare shelves with hundreds of people sitting in the waiting area asking for help. At times, he can't perform surgery unless

it is an emergency because they don't even have basic medical supplies such as pain killers and antibiotics. When a shipment of medical supplies like this arrives, many people receive care very quickly who otherwise could not have been helped. This is Dr. Wazara's thank you to you for making this shipment possible: "We would like to thank you for the tetracycline ointment and surgical supplies. They are like a gift from heaven, and we are so grateful. We know it will make a difference in people's lives and we appreciate you for thinking of us with your mercy."



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- ▶ **MMI DD is Easy** - No need to fill out a new check every month. Your one-time authorization is all you need.
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